



# Chantarelle Gazette

Chantarelle Homeowners' Association Newsletter

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## WRITE - IT - DOWN

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Last month's Chantarelle Book Club selection was *Spoon Stealer* by Lesley Crewe. The book relayed the personal memoir of the protagonist. For me, and many of the other book club members, it was an enjoyable read. It made me start thinking about memoir writing. Years ago, I had a client who had a workshop on memoir writing and I attended some of her sessions. It was an interesting and very personal experience. Another client had written a book about her childhood growing up during WWII in England. It was called *Tales From My Grandma*. Her labor of love had been written specifically for her children and grandchildren.

My husband, Joel, enjoyed writing and started his memoir – writing down funny stories and experiences we had – fifteen years ago. He continued writing when he retired. My favorite chapter was called *The Roaring 20s*. It relayed our lives while we were in our 20s. Now in retrospect I was reminded of the great adventures we had during that time! Driving cross country from NY, moving to San Francisco, buying our first house in West Portal and then relocating to the Philippines when Joel became Engineering Manager for National Semiconductor's Philippine manufacturing facility. We traveled throughout Asia and then around the world!

What my husband's writing did was remind me of what a full and fun life we had together. I'm glad he wrote our history down. Although we did not have children, his memoir was shared with all his family and friends. Joel asked that his memoir be published and put into book form. It was his last dying wish. My brother-in-law found a memoir publishing house and together he and I set out to fulfill Joel's wish. I had it delivered in time for Joel's memorial and

gave a copy to each of his friends mentioned in his memoir.

Consider creating this wonderful gift for your family and friends. As we age, we start to forget segments of our past. Write it down before you forget! It will be a very rewarding experience!

--Valerie Camarda



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## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

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The Board was very pleased at our last meeting for the respectful conduct of everyone attending, and we thank you all for that. It allowed us to get a lot of issues discussed and we had a good exchange of many new ideas.

During the last meeting the Board approved a new policy which allows residents to take out trees in their front yards that are causing problems for the homeowner. The removal of the trees and replacement is done at the homeowner's expense. The new procedure and contract has been sent via email to everyone from Paul Strong, and the Board will ratify the new procedure at our next meeting in September.

A number of residents have asked if we might consider having a community garage sale. We think this is a good idea but do not have anyone yet who would like to chair this event. If you are interested, please contact me and we can move ahead with the planning.

I am pleased to announce that Marybeth Jacobsen has agreed to be our new Librarian. Thank you to her for stepping up and volunteering for that position.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming "First Friday" on August 2nd!

--Steve Rogers

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### TREASURER'S REPORT AS OF JUNE 30, 2024

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There were no reserve expenses in June, and the amount in the reserve fund was still in good shape at \$562,305.04. At the July 18 Board meeting, we decided to start investing in CDs with Heritage Bank. It offers a CD purchase program, called the IntraFi Network, that simplifies the selection and renewal of CDs, while generally offering better rates and a wider variety of maturity dates than what I can find on my own. And, yes, we would still have FDIC coverage. We will dip our financial toe in the water by investing the recently-matured US Bank CD into this IntraFi Network.

Except for pool expenses, we're under budget through the end of June in other operating expenses by about \$12,401. Our operating cash less current liabilities stands at about \$18,019, a decent amount for this time of the year. The delinquency report still shows quite a few delinquent homeowners, however. Board members discussed the situation at the July 18 meeting and reviewed the procedure that the accounting firm is using to contact delinquent owners. We believe their process is adequate and will give it some more time to see if the delinquencies go down. However, there was one delinquent account that was over \$1900 despite repeated contacts, and so the Board approved filing a lien on the homeowner.

--Ron Yamato

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### LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE REPORT

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With July's heat, it was time to up the water on the lawns. I met with Jose from Waldron several times in person, on the phone and via email. We decided to add 10 minutes to everyone's irrigation. Six days a week. I have seen improvement in the lawns, greener, fuller, less burned. It will take a while, but we are improving. Wait a month to see what it looks like before commenting. You can also do what I do, I see a weed in my grass, I pull it out. If an area looks dry, I water it myself with my hose. We are putting the maximum water we can right now. Any more and we have to water during the day and night. Daytime watering evaporates faster and is not recommended.

As Steve mentioned in the July HOA meeting, our sprinkler system is very old, the pipes leak a lot of water before the water gets to your yard. Starting in January 2025, California has permanent water restrictions. Some desert communities in Southern California have to reduce water use by 30%. Northern California has to save water but not that much. There will be rules on how much water sprinkler systems can leak, so it's key to have a modern sprinkler system.

Weeds. I tested the natural weed killer, vinegar, salt and dish detergent. It does work, I had to use it three times on some weeds. I started just pouring it on the weeds instead of spraying them. Pouring works better, not sure Waldron can do this. I am going to try pouring boiling water on the weeds, my last natural weed killer option.



I am proud to say that I picked my first apple that I grew in my yard. A Gravenstein espalier tree is thriving on our fence. The apple is small,

there are more, but the first one is always the

sweetest. The Gravenstein Apple festival is August 10<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup>. Maybe I'll enter my apple at the fair!

--Tom Flinn

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### CHANTARELLE SOCIAL NEWS

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I want to begin by saying a big thank you to my wonderful volunteer neighbors who assisted me in getting the Clubhouse prepped for the 4th of July potluck luncheon! Kudos to Nancy Ferretti, Mike Mecham, Steve O'Neill and Ron and Debbie Yamato. I really would not be able to do all the many fun events we have without these extra helping hands and want you to know it is very appreciated.

During our recent Board Meeting I announced some Clubhouse events coming up in the next several months, so that you can get a jump on entering these dates on your calendars.

1. Our August "**First Friday**" is coming right up on **Friday, August 2nd**. If the weather is not too hot, we may be able to have this on the patio by the pool. As per usual, bring an appetizer to share and your favorite beverage.

2. One of our big events happens in late Summer/early Fall, and that is our **BBQ**. It is being planned for **Saturday, September 14th**. There will be a flyer out on this as time draws closer and I will be posting a sign-up sheet for volunteer help for that. (Flyers are always distributed to your mail tube, so watch for it there.) Therefore, there will **NOT** be a "First Friday" event on September 6th.

3. The next large event comes along in December and that is our **Holiday Party**. I tell you early as I have to book it very early since it's a catered party. I just booked us for **Friday December 13th**. Thanksgiving comes very late this year (November 28th!!) and I know many people travel to see family during this holiday. In order to give you time to return home and give myself and crew time to decorate the Clubhouse for the holidays, we need to have our party the 2nd Friday of the month.

Therefore, there will be no "First Friday" event on December 6th.

That's it for now, any questions you can always give me a call or text (707) 591-1909

--Lois Rogers, Social Chair

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### OUR NEW CHANTARELLE NEIGHBORS

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No new neighbors this month.

--Russelle Johnson - 707-935-8658

rxrjohnson@yahoo.com

--Peggy Owens - 707-343-7087

powens2@juno.com

--Shelley Lawrence - 951-202-0459

pashelaw@gmail.com

--Debby Bonamassa - 315-725-8047

debbonamassa@yahoo.com



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### SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

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Please let us know if one your neighbor's pets has passed on. Pets are truly part of the family, and we feel their loss.

We continue to send cards and good wishes for a speedy recovery to neighbors who have fallen ill.

--Jackie O'Neill - 707-292-0261



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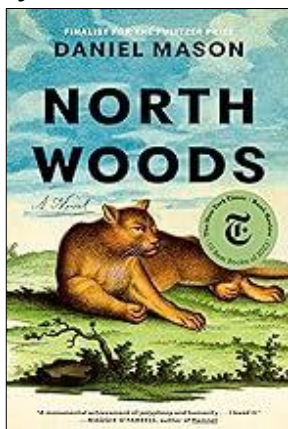
## BOOK CLUB NEWS

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Last month we read ***The Spoon Stealer*** by **Lesley Crewe**. The group met at Jackie Fraize's home to discuss the novel and she welcomed us with delicious tea sandwiches and her personal collection of adorable, hand-made aprons. Both fun reminders of this month's read! The majority of the group thoroughly enjoyed the author's writing style and symbolism that took us on adventures in Nova Scotia and England.



For August, our host has selected ***North Woods*** by **Daniel Mason**, a Pulitzer Prize finalist. The



novel takes readers on a trip through American history via the inhabitants of a single plot of land in New England. A story of how we are often connected, through our surroundings and experiences. It sounds like a fascinating read.

We will meet at Kris and Ivan's home on August 20, from 4-5:30. As always, we welcome any interested neighbors to attend or, if you prefer, just read the book for your own pleasure.

If you have any questions, please call or text Marybeth (940-290-4757) or Barbara (415-377-8712).

--Marybeth Jacobsen

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## CLUBHOUSE NOTES

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**All Chantarelle HOA members are welcome to join in fun activities with your neighbors.** If you have an interest in joining a Clubhouse activity, please contact the club coordinators for the groups with scheduled activities:

Water Aerobics/Flex Exercise

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Bunco Babes

Russelle Johnson – 707-935-8658

Mexican Train Dominoes

Peggy Owens – 707-343-7087

Art Club

Mike Hashii – 415-686-5512

Poker Night

Ron Yamato – 415-305-1400

Book Club

Marybeth Jacobsen - 949-290-4757

Barbara White - 415-377-8712.

The days and times for those groups with scheduled activities are located on the calendar at the back of this newsletter.

If you are interested in knowing more about starting a new club activity or renting the Clubhouse facility for your next family and friends event, please contact Linda Jackson 415-987-0021 for more details.

--Linda Jackson

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Steve Rogers, President

707-771-9290

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415-302-8935

Ron Yamato, Treasurer

415-305-1400

Cindy Adamson, Secretary

707-931-8832

Pat Chace, Director

707-935-7301

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### **MANAGEMENT COMPANY**

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### **GREAT TO LIVE IN SONOMA ISN'T IT!**

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## ART CLUB – JULY EXHIBITS AND FUTURE EXHIBIT THEMES

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THE JULY ART EXHIBITION showed five paintings at the Clubhouse and paintings at two home windows.

**Blue moon**, soft pastel (HEATHER DAHLBERG),



**Golden Leaves of Summer**, acrylic (JOHN DODGSHON)

**A Restful Day at the Beach**, soft pastel (JUNE DEBUSK)



**Summer Garden**, watercolor (MIKE HASHII)

**Hope**, acrylic (SHELLEY LAWRENCE)



**Untitled**, acrylic (SHELLEY LAWRENCE, 121 S Temelec)



**Friends' Sweet Summer, Youthful Exuberance, and Summer Breeze** (MAY HASHII, 141 S Temelec)



**Future exhibit themes:** River, Mountain and more (August)  
Sunrise/Sunset and more (September)

**More Art welcomed!** We have so many talented artists within our community. Please consider sharing your art with the rest of us. If you're interested in showing your art piece for future exhibit(s), please contact Mike Hashii ( [mhashii@gmail.com](mailto:mhashii@gmail.com) ).

--Mike Hashii



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## LOSS OF ONE OF OUR DEAR NEIGHBORS - CECILIA ANGEL

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### Letter to the Chantarelle Community:



After only 102 years, Mamacita has passed. She was one-of-a-kind and, at the same time, she was the neighborhood's "grandma". Or, as the family calls her "abuelita". To her family she was priceless. To her friends she was irreplaceable. For her neighborhood and her neighbors, she was grateful.

Cecilia Angel, was born in Colombia, South America and for 70 years lived in the United States - she was our "All-American". Now she has moved on to reunite with her husband Ignacio, whom she met in Bogota, Colombia. He also passed away in Sonoma.

The Angels immigrated to the U.S. in 1958 and moved to San Francisco in 1962. Ignacio was a custom tailor who taught Cecilia the art of being a seamstress. She put that skill to work at Macys for 30 years. Upon retirement

they moved to Sonoma, arriving in 1989 when the community of Chantarelle was just built. Temelec Circle became their new address. Now, she's living with Angels.

Living in Sonoma was the best of times for Cecilia. She got to know just about everyone delivering the newsletter for years. She put her skills to work by doing alterations for her neighbors until her late 90's. Walking the neighborhood became her daily ritual. The Clubhouse, where her 95th birthday party was held, became a friendly retreat. The swimming pool became her passion as she was in charge of the water aerobics crew.

Cecilia loved to travel. She would pack on a moment's notice. Mamacita was grateful she could travel with her daughter CeCe and take advantage of her Alaska Airlines privileges. Cecilia was strong-willed. She was able to quit smoking - unfortunately, not until the age of 80. Otherwise, she might have made it to 110!

Cecilia is survived by her daughter CeCe and her two "mijito lindos" - Joe, a former S.F. Giants broadcaster and Iggy, a Giants fan and a long time Sonoma resident.



For those who knew her, you are all welcome to join us in her celebration of life event. It is being held on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 11 AM at Duggans Chapel located at 525 W Napa St. in Sonoma. Followed by a reception at the Chanterelle Clubhouse.

Joe and Iggy  
Angel  
Thank you  
--The Angel Family



## POOL OPEN

If you are at the Clubhouse/pool and have children who are minors using the bathroom, please supervise them so that the bathroom remains clean.

### CHANTARELLE WEEKLY CALENDAR

| Monday                 | Tuesday | Wednesday              | Thursday | Friday                 |
|------------------------|---------|------------------------|----------|------------------------|
| Pool Aerobics<br>11:30 |         | Pool Aerobics<br>11:30 |          | Pool Aerobics<br>11:30 |

### AUGUST 2024

| SUN | MON | TUE   | WED                          | THU                            | FRI                          | SAT |
|-----|-----|---|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|-----|
|     |     |   |                              | 1                              | 2<br>First<br>Friday<br>5:30 | 3   |
| 4   | 5   | 6<br>Bunco<br>1:00-4:00                         | 7                            | 8                              | 9                            | 10  |
| 11  | 12  | 13<br>Private<br>Party<br>1:00-3:00             | 14                           | 15                             | 16                           | 17  |
| 18  | 19  | 20<br>Book Club<br>4:00-5:30                    | 21<br>Poker<br>Night<br>6:30 | 22<br>Art<br>Club<br>1:00-3:30 | 23                           | 24  |
| 25  | 26  | 20<br>Mexican<br>Train<br>Dominos<br>12:30-4:00 | 28                           | 29                             | 30                           | 31  |
|     |     |   |                              |                                |                              |     |

Waldron Landscaping is now here on Monday 8:00-4:00 and Tuesday 8:00-4:00.

Garbage, recycling & garden trash pickup is on Monday.